

CitizenLink - 2012 Colorado Civil Union Poll - Executive Summary

On January 18, 2012, Advantage, Inc. – a polling company in Arlington, VA – polled 2,986 registered CO voters concerning legalizing civil unions in the state. The poll carries a margin of error of \pm 1.8. The political party breakdown of the poll was similar to the state voter registration numbers with 30% Democrat, 32% Republican, 33% Independent, and 5% who classified themselves as other.

One year ago (on January 10, 2011), a similar poll was conducted by the same polling company asking 1,218 registered CO voters the same question: If the Colorado legislature were to pass legislation this session legalizing same-sex civil unions would you support that effort?

A comparison from the two years is below:

Voter registration breakdown

| 2011 | | | 2012 | | |
|----------------|-----|-------|----------------|-----|-------|
| Democrat | 30% | 366 | Democrat | 30% | 887 |
| Republican | 31% | 383 | Republican | 32% | 955 |
| Independent | 32% | 389 | Independent | 33% | 986 |
| Something else | 7% | 80 | Something else | 5% | 158 |
| Total | | 1,218 | Total | | 2,986 |

Support for civil union legislation

| 2011 | | | 2012 | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----|--------------------|-----|------|
| Yes | 41% | 498 | Yes | 39% | 1,16 |
| No | 46% | 565 | No | 46% | 1,37 |
| Undecided/Not Sure | 13% | 155 | Undecided/Not Sure | 15% | 44 |

Result: Support for civil union legislation among 2,986 registered Colorado voters is at 39% which is down from 41% in 2011. Opposition to civil union legislation was 46%, the same as last year, and those who were undecided make up 15% up from 13% undecided in 2011.

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